

Whereas the month of October 2005 has been recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a month for activities furthering awareness of domestic violence; and

Whereas the dedication and successes of those working tirelessly to end domestic violence and the strength of the survivors of domestic violence should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

(2) expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating impact on families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 283—RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KOREAN AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES AND ENCOURAGING THE CELEBRATION OF “KOREAN AMERICAN DAY”

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 283

Whereas on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

Whereas in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities;

Whereas Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

Whereas the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

Whereas Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as “Korean American Day” to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a “Korean American Day”;

(2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to—

(A) share in such commemoration in order to greater appreciate the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States; and

(B) to observe “Korean American Day” with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator ALLEN as an original cosponsor in submitting a resolution recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans and encouraging the celebration of “Korean American Day.”

On January 13, 1903, a group of 102 men, women and children arrived on the shores of Honolulu, HI, after a long journey across the Pacific Ocean from Korea. The story of these pioneers is a familiar one to all of us who trace our roots to a foreign nation.

Like countless other immigrant groups before them, Koreans came to America in search of a better future. Others came to flee a devastating war, repressive government, and poverty. They traded in their sweat equity and homesickness for the priceless opportunity to achieve better economic and educational opportunities and freedom for themselves and for their families in America.

During the past century, the Korean American population has grown to over one million, and Korean Americans now live in every single State of our union. Today, they represent one of the largest Asian American populations in the Nation. I am proud to note that my State of Illinois is home to over 50,000 Korean Americans, making it the fourth most populated State for Korean Americans, according to the 2000 census data.

The contributions made by Korean Americans to our Nation include numerous achievements in the fields of economics, education, science, architecture, medicine, athletics, religion, and the arts. Their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to hard work have allowed Korean American-owned businesses to become the commercial and economic foundations in countless American cities and counties. The unique traditional customs, cultures, and the foods of the “Land of the Morning Calm” have enhanced the mosaic of our society.

Thousands of Korean Americans have served in our Armed Services, from the two World Wars to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have also served in public and private ways to enhance the long standing relationship between the United States and Korea that is based on our shared economic and security interests.

The 102 pioneers who made that fateful decision to leave their home country in 1902 for Hawaii probably wished for not much more than a chance to live on the rich American soil. Never in their wildest imagination could they have known that, a century later, and just a few miles from where they landed in Honolulu, a sixteen-year-old Korean American girl would announce to an eagerly awaiting world that she would become a professional golfer.

Michelle Wie’s announcement from earlier this month instantly places her among the most recognizable American celebrities, and makes her the third highest-paid female athlete in any

sport, based on commercial endorsement deals she has accepted. Yet, in her very first act as a professional golfer, Michelle donated \$500,000 to the hurricane relief effort. And, she will continue to attend high school where she is an honors student.

Korean Americans have indeed come a long way in their rich one hundred year history. In January 2003, Korean Americans all across the Nation celebrated this centennial anniversary. Leading up to that significant milestone, the United States Senate unanimously adopted a resolution during the 107th Congress.

To continue recognizing this history of Korean Americans, I believe it is appropriate to celebrate the 13th day of each January as “Korean American Day.” The Allen-Durbin resolution would encourage such a tradition.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution honoring the continuing contributions of Korean Americans to our great Nation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2149. Ms. STABENOW proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

SA 2150. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*.

SA 2151. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2152. Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2153. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2154. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2155. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2156. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2157. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. TALENT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.